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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2015**

**The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Members present:** Christopher Brown, Chairman, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

**Staff:** Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

**Thayer Brook Forest Management Plan**

**Update**

Conservation Commission members Stoughton Smead and Chairman Christopher Brown indicated that they went to the site over the weekend. The walk-thru proved to be fulfilling with all the work completed as proposed. The animal huts were all trimmed and ready for habitat. All the slash was removed from the trails and streambed. Forester Consultant Carmine Angeloni indicated that Rocky Mountain Wood did an outstanding job staying on task and completing the job in a timely matter. This project is a great example of what could be done with other Town-owned forest land.

Rocky Mountain requested the release of the Performance Bond at this time.

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, return the Performance Bond to Rocky Mountain Wood Company

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in favor:** Christopher Brown, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

**Appointment**

**Edward Ebberston**

The Conservation Commission received a memo indicating that there may be some encroachment from an abutter to the Town-owned Conservation property on Shady Lane. The abutter, Edward Ebberston was present at this meeting and explained that he was merely cleaning up after the storms not knowing that it was a violation. He burned or chipped the tree debris. There is a trail going from his back yard out to Shady Lane and thought he was doing a good thing when he cleared it again. He assured the Commission that any further work he wants to do in the future, he would get permission from them.

**Request for Permission to cut a tree**

**571 Glendale Rd**

The owner, Karen Leigh, is requesting to cut down a dead Ash tree that is close to an intermittent stream. It was obvious that the tree is dead so the Commission had no objection to cutting the tree down and leaving the stump in place.

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, authorize the tree cutting

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tom Reavey

**Unanimously in favor:** Christopher Brown, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

**Minutes: February 23, 2015**

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, accept minutes as amended

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tom Reavey

**Unanimously in favor:** Christopher Brown, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

**Minutes: April 13, 2015**

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, accept minutes as written

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tom Reavey

**Unanimously in favor:** Christopher Brown, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

**Minutes: April 27, 2015**

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, accept minutes as written

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in favor:** Christopher Brown, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Leslie Sugrue, a town resident was present in the audience. She expressed her intention to join the Conservation Commission as an Associate Member. She indicated that she has extensive experience in wetland rules and regulations and was on the South Hadley Conservation Commission for five years.

The Conservation Commission was impressed with her credentials and told her to submit a letter of intent to the Selectmen.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

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Christopher Brown, Chairman

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